

Table 3 General Hook & Line Regulations (Note 1)

This table provides general statewide regulations for the species listed. However, there are many waters in the state that have fishing regulations which differ from those in this table. Please refer to the

Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18).

Species	Minimum Size	Daily/Possession Limit	Seasons
Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass (Note 2)	14"	5 total in any combination but no more than 2 northern pike (See Note 7)	3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 37) Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31: All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in Note 2)
Walleye (Note 3)	15" except 13" on L. St. Clair St. Clair R.		May 15 - March 15: On Upper Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing, Gr. Lakes waters and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April - March 15: On Lower Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing. Open all year: Lower Pen. Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 37)
Northern pike (Note 7 & 8)	24"		Open all year
Flathead catfish	15"		
Channel catfish	12"		
Muskellunge (Note 7 & 8)	42"	1	May 15 - March 15: Upper Pen. inland and Gr. Lakes waters St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April - March 15: Lower Pen. inland waters Open all year: Lower Pen. waters of L. Michigan, Lower Pen. waters of L. Huron, L. Erie 1st Sat. in June - Dec. 15: L. St. Clair, St.Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 38)
Yellow perch (Note 4)	No size limit	50	Open all year
Sunfishes (Note 5)		25 in any combination of the listed species	
White bass		25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland	
Lake whitefish Lake herring (cisco)		12 in any combination	
Lake Sturgeon		Please see Table 4, p. 11 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations	
Smelt	No size limit	2 gallons	Open all year
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	Open all year

Notes for Table 3

Note 1 - All Coolwater fish

Coolwater fish include all species listed in this table. **Regulations for trout and salmon on inland waters are provided on pages 20-34.**

Note 2 - Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago: Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (Charlevoix Co.) the open season is July 1 - Dec. 31, (see p. 16).

Catch and immediate release seasons:

On the following waters, bass may be caught and released on the dates listed. All bass caught must be immediately (see common terms p. 37) returned to the water: **L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.**, from the last Sat. in April - Fri. before the 3rd. Sat. in June; **All Lower Pen. waters**

including Great Lakes: Last Sat. in April - Fri. before Memorial Day; **All Upper Pen. waters including Great Lakes:** May 15 - Fri. before Memorial Day.

Note 3 - Walleye

Little Bay de Noc (Delta Co.): No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point lighthouse to the mouth of the Ford R.
St. Joseph R. No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed from the St. Joseph R. below Berrien Springs Dam to the mouth at St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.
L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.: The daily possession limit for walleye is 6 on these waters.
Michigan waters of Green Bay: from the mouth of the Menominee R. northward to the latitudinal line (45 degrees/15 minutes) located approximately 3 miles south of

Rochereau Point: from March 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May the daily possession limit is 1 walleye and from the 1st Sat. in May - March 1 the daily possession limit is 5 walleye.

Note 4 - Yellow perch

L. Huron waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Cos. and the **St. Marys R.**, the minimum size limit is 7".
L. Michigan south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.

Note 5 - Sunfishes

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkin-seed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

Note 6 - All others

Those species not listed above and those not considered trout or salmon.

Note 7 - Special Northern Pike & Muskellunge Regulations

Lakes with no size limit on northern pike, and up to 5 northern pike may be included in daily limit:

ALCONA: Badger L. **ALGER:** Nawakwa, Trout, and 16 Mile Lks.
ALLEGAN: Pine Creek Flooding **BARAGA:** Vermillac (Worm) L.
CHARLEVOIX: Deer, Fox, Geneserath, Hoffman and Six Mile Lks.
CHEBOYGAN: Black R. upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver and Wildwood Lks.
CHIPPEWA: Frenchman L. **CLARE:** L. Thirteen **CRAWFORD:** Big Creek Impoundment, River and Pickerel Lks. **DELTA:** Carr, Chicago, and Hamilton Lks. and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **DICKINSON:** Sawyer L. **EMMET:** French Farm and O'Neal L. Floodings **GLADWIN:** L. Lancer **GOGEBIC:** African (Big and Little), Chaney, Cisco, Clearwater, East Bay, Fishhawk, Indian, Lindsley, Morley, Poor, Record, and Thousand Island Lks. **GRAND TRAVERSE:** Boardman L., Brown Bridge Pond and L. Dubonnet **HOUGHTON:** Rice L. **IRON:** Bone, Buck, Indian, Runkle and Winslow Lks., Hemlock Falls and Michigamme Reservoirs, Michigamme Falls and Peavy Reservoirs, Lake St. Kathryn, Deer R., Net R., and Net R. Wide Waters. **KENT:** Bass L. **LEELANAU:** Florence L. (S. Manitou Is.), artificial lures only **LUCE:** East and Muskallonge Lks. **MACKINAC:** East L. **MANISTEE:** Bar L. **MARQUETTE:** Cedar L., Engman L., Dead R. Storage Basin, Witch L., Middle Br. Escanaba R., Big West Br. Escanaba R., and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **MASON:** Hackert L. (Crystal L.) **MECOSTA:** Haymarsh L. **MENOMINEE:** Westman Impoundment **MISSAUKEE:** Missaukee L. **MONTMORENCY:** East and West Town Corner Lks., Black River and tributary streams only **MUSKEGON:** Big Blue L. **OCEANA:** Round (Wykoff) L. and Silver L. **OGEMAW:** L. Ogemaw **OSCEOLA:** L. Miramichi, Rose L. and Wells L. **OSCODA:** Pickerel L. **OTSEGO:** Black R. and tributaries **PRESQUE ISLE:** Francis L., Ocqueoc R. and tributary streams upstream of, but not including Ocqueoc Lk., Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud and Nettie), Black R. and tributary streams only (not including Tomahawk Flooding) **ROSCOMMON:** L. St. Helen, Backus Cr., Mud L., and Little Mud L. Waterfowl Flooding **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Boot, Crooked, Kennedy, Stanley and Thunder Lks.; **Seney National Wildlife Refuge Pools** - contact Refuge office (906-586-9851).

Lakes with 30" minimum size on Northern Pike:

BARRY: Fish L. **IRON:** Cable and Porter Lks. **KEWEENAW:** Gratiot L. **MARQUETTE:** Fish L. **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.

Lakes with Northern Pike and Muskellunge possession seasons the last Sat. in April - Nov. 30:

BARRY: Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) minimum size on muskellunge is 50".

LENAWEE: L. Hudson **VAN BUREN:** Bankson L., Brownwood L., and Round L. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13).

Note 8 - Restricted Spearing Lakes

The following lakes are closed to spearing, except that carp may be taken with a spear or bow from May 1 – Aug. 15 and northern pike may be speared on waters as marked(†) from **Dec. 1 - March 15**. Be sure to check the Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18).

Lakes closed to spearing (except carp may be speared May 1 – Aug. 15):

ALLEGAN: Osterhout L.

ALPENA: Fletcher Floodwaters

BARRY: Fish L. and Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.)

CHEBOYGAN: Cornwall Impoundment and Tower Pond (no carp spearing allowed).

CHIPPEWA: Caribou L.

CLARE: Budd L.

CLINTON: Ovid L.

DELTA: †Dana L.

IRON: Cable, Emily, Porter, Stanley, †Brule, †Chicagon, †Chief Edwards, †Paint, †Paint Pond, and †Violet Lks.

KENT: Campau and Murray Lks.

KEWEENAW: Gratiot L.

LAPEER: Nepessing L.

LENAWEE: L. Hudson

LIVINGSTON: Whitmore and Woodland Lks.

MACKINAC: Brevoort L.

MARQUETTE: Fish L.

MONTMORENCY: Fletcher Floodwaters and West Twin Lks.

MUSKEGON: Mona L.

OAKLAND: Heron and Tipsico Lks.

OTSEGO: Big Bear and Otsego Lks.

OTTAWA: L. Macatawa

ST. JOSEPH: Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, Sec 7)

SCHOOLCRAFT: Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.

VAN BUREN: Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lks. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13)

WASHTENAW: Whitmore L.